

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUSINESS STORES

Main Street Shows a Splendid Display of Holiday Wares, and All the Windows Are Beautifully Dressed in Keeping With the Season.

Only a few days more remain before Christmas is here. From early morning until late at night a constant stream of men, women and children in all walks of life can be seen in the business section of our city purchasing presents, carrying bundles and doing their shopping for the holidays.

The proprietors and their clerks are up early and late at night and the strain under which they are laboring is already telling on them. From all indications this will be a record breaking Christmas from a business point of view.

### Handsomely Decorated.

The merchants are taking great pains to have their houses decorated to suit the occasion and have laid in an unusually heavy stock of goods. In no city can be found more beautifully decorated windows and store rooms. Nothing has been overlooked by the merchants and anything that can be found in larger cities can be found here.

### Beautiful Lights.

At Mr. T. S. Bush's gas supply store beautiful gas lights and gas and electric fixtures are displayed in a tasty style, and a great many presents of this nature are being sold. Mr. Frank Amati who anticipates a good trade in the confectionery line has one of his windows decorated with ornaments for Christmas trees and Christmas candles. In the other, fruits are displayed in great quantities. His store is also decorated in a way that adds greatly to the looks of the store room.

Servener Brothers have on display in their windows fancy table linen and embroidery work, arranged in a very neat and attractive way.

### Christmas Novelties.

Artis & Turnbull are displaying a very elaborate line of Christmas novelties and a look on the inside has a very inviting appearance.

As has been their custom for a number of years, the firm of Stokesly & Rounsavall have taken a great deal of pains in the make up of their windows. In the first window is displayed fancy candies, nuts and fruits; around the edge of the window is a thick row of peacocks and in the center of it is spelled with block sugar, the firm's name. In the second window is a Christmas tree standing with stockings stuffed with nuts, candies, etc., hanging on it and a fine display of fire works. Their store is also beautifully decorated with holly and other ornaments.

### Winn Furniture.

In the first window of the Winn Furniture Company, is a fine mahogany dressing table and mahogany chairs which show to a good effect what may be found in the store and in the second window is displayed beautiful china wear. In the store a rush and hurry crowd was looking over the beautiful china on display there.

### Clothing Displays.

Beginning with the clothing firms, Rupard & Stewart was the first observed. In their windows is a nice display of gent's furnishings, suits, etc., very artistically and neatly arranged.

Martin-Cook Drug Company have displayed to a good advantage toilet articles, books, etc.

A glance at the first window of Mr. V. Bloomfield will make you feel as though you are looking into a real room. It is dressed to represent a bachelor's quarters and in it is a suit, shirts, hats, shoes, ties and everything that a well-dressed gentleman would need. The store is also neatly arranged. On the top of the shelves shirts are arranged on models, and canes and umbrellas are shown.

### Useful Presents.

The windows of C. B. Ross show many beautiful and useful presents. In the first window is displayed cloaks, suits, etc., in the second is shown fancy work baskets and toilet articles.

Nothing has been left undone at the store of Allan & Murphy to have their place look cheerful and Christmas like. Their windows are decorated with a sample of most every article carried in stock. The first displays suits, hats, shirts, collars, ties, etc. The second has cotton laid and hung around representing snow presenting wintry effect and in this window is shown a sample of their shoes.

### Fine Wares.

Mr. C. H. Bowen, is displaying his line of jewelry in a plain yet attractive way. His windows represent everything he carries in the jewelry line. His store has a neat and inviting look. His show cases are arranged so as to display his goods to advantage and on top of them are fine cut glass and pottery wear which in most cities of this class cannot be found.

### Take in at a Glance.

In the first window of H. H. Hall is a nice line of China ware, vases, etc. In the second is a fine mahogany parlor set. His store room is decorated for the season. In his show cases, are fine cut glass ware, china ware and other articles of value. His furniture is arranged in such a manner that at a glance one can take in the whole stock.

The Winchester Drug Company have also displayed in their windows every thing a drug store carries in the holiday line well and neatly displayed.

### In the North End.

In the north end of the city, the merchants take as much pains as do those further up town. At Rawlings' racket store, along the street and in their windows is displayed a full line of everything for the children and for the household.

The first window of Mr. J. T. Luman displays a side board and the other a beautiful dining table.

### Baldwin Brothers.

Baldwin Brothers have one of the prettiest displays in the city. They have spared nothing to make their place look attractive. The large watch in front of their store is decorated with holly and from this is run to the corners of the store streamers of mountain laurel. Their windows are decorated in a manner that displays their line to a good advantage and their store room is decorated with wreaths of holly and mountain laurel strung from one corner to the other.

The Phillips Drug Company have taken great care and pains with their decorations. In each window are shown presents that are valuable and useful, and their room is crowded with Christmas goods.

### M'Cord, Smith & Phillips.

The windows of M'Cord, Smith & Phillips are very noticeable on account of the deep green decorations with holly wreaths entwined and with mirrors used as a back ground which displays their line of gent's furnishings and women and men's shoes to a splendid advantage.

The windows of Mrs. Charles West are very beautiful, especially the one with the Christmas tree surrounded by many boxes of candy and Christmas trinkets.

### YOUNG LADIES SODALITY.

The Young Ladies Sodality of St. Joseph's church will receive Holy Communion in a body on Christmas morning at the 7:30 Mass, instead of next Sunday.

All kinds of China on a special table. YOUR CHOICE FOR TEN CENTS. HENRY H. HALL. 12-14-e-o.d.

Getting an "Old Man." "Speaking of new men," said the boss of the skyscraper builders, with a twinkle, "comical things happen even up here, the same as in a theater. Sometimes in rush seasons there ain't enough hands to go round, and we have to take 'em green as the hills. I had one once, a kid from Vermont, a whale of a kid, with bones like a horse and eyes awful anxious to please—eyes that made you like him. He's one of the best men I've got now, but then he was green as God made him." The foreman stopped to chuckle.

"Go up to the eighteenth floor," I told him one day, "and bring down an old man." I was busy at the time, and when I saw the kid stare I said kind of sharp that if that old man wasn't here in five minutes the whole blamed building would probably go to smash. This was just my way of making him hustle, but he thought I meant it word for word. He went up on the run, and in a few minutes he came down with a sputtering, clawing old feller held like a vise in his arms.

"He was the only old man on the floor," said the kid, "and he wanted to stop and argue about it, but from what you said I knew what it meant, so I just grabbed him and came."

"You see," the foreman added kindly, noting my puzzled expression, "an old man happens to be the name of a tool we use."—Everybody's Magazine.

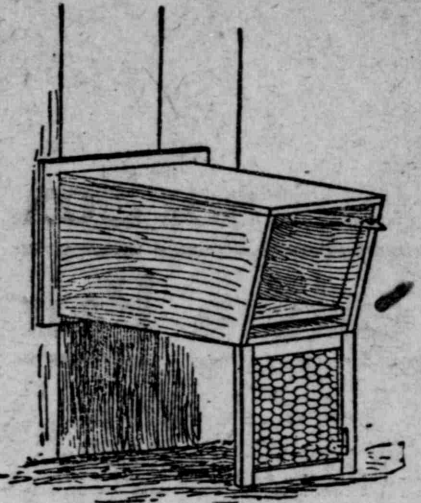
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### GOOD POULTRY PROTECTOR.

Making Chute Door That Chickens Can Open.

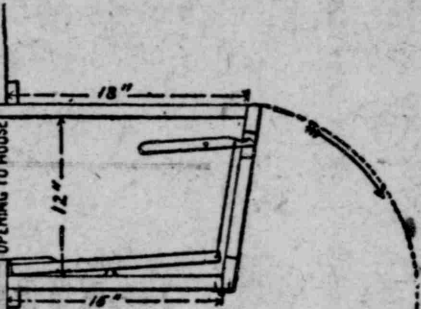
Wherever there is danger of skunks, weasels and other prowlers getting into the chicken house and killing poultry, a protector, such as illustrated herewith, will be found of great advantage. The best feature about the protector is that the first fowl to step on the running board



Self-Opening Poultry Protector.

will release the doors which will drop and allow her and the other fowl to escape. The only thing, therefore, necessary in operating is to lift the door in the evening after the fowls have gone to roost. It will latch itself and remain in that position during the night.

As will be seen from the cross-section, says the Orange Judd Farmer, the door is balanced and connected with a stout wire to latch of the door. This being tilted somewhat outward from above, readily falls when the latch is sprung by the hen stepping



Cross Section of Protector.

on the floor beyond the point of balance. The measurements given in the drawing are merely suggestive. For large fowls the height of 12 inches may not be great enough, but this poultryman can readily fix for himself. The mesh of the wire front should be too small to permit a weasel entering; one inch mesh is plenty small enough.

### ST. JOHN'S DAY.

St. John's Day, December 27, is the day fixed by the laws of the Masonic Order for holding elections of officers. As this year St. John's Day falls on Sunday, some lodges will hold their meetings Saturday and some on Monday.

A German proverb says: "You can't turn the mill with the water that's passed by." Nor can you run a business on last year's advertising. —Printer's Ink.

### COLORED COLUMN.

The fraternal orders have agreed to jointly distribute \$75 among the needy old and orphans of the city Christmas.

A magazine is being published by Mrs. James Woods a colored woman at Des Moines, Iowa.

The following are the newly elected officers of the Benevolent Society: President, C. H. Payne; Vice President, Perry Hord; Secretary, Miss Anna Bell Wilson; Treasurer, Henry Miller; Trustees, Wm. Bell, Cauley Murry, C. H. Fountain.

Negro dolls will be a special feature at the Christmas tree at the Broadway Baptist church on Christmas night.

James Emery who went to Arkansas to live some time ago, has been called to a Baptist church down there.

The remains of Mrs. Josie Kidd, accompanied by her husband and two sons was brought here Tuesday for burial from Pittsburg, Pa.

The U. B. F. Lodge have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Wm. January, W. M.; Wiley Deck, D. M.; W. H. Allen, secretary; T. M. Berry, assistant secretary; Wm. Copher, treasurer; trustees, C. H. Fountain, Andrew Rucker, James Smith, Chas. Haggard, Jno. Downey.

A new negro tribe with their own language has been discovered in the unexplored parts of Dutch Guiana, South America.

The Southern Realty Company, a colored institution, having several departments and doing a great business throughout the South in the way of lifting mortgages, buying

## HAD YOU THOUGHT

Of Going to the Hardware Store to do your Christmas Shopping?

Choosing here is made easy by the most extensive line to select from.

### Rochester Ware.

That beautiful Nickel Plated Ware that looks like silver, wears like silver and yet is not so expensive.

Chafing Dishes, Serving Dishes, Tea Kettles, Syrup Pitchers, Coffee and Tea Pots, Cream, Sugar and Spoon Holders and a number of other useful articles in this ware that makes beautiful and useful gifts.

### Pocket and Table Cutlery.

For the Father, Brother, Son or Friend we have and elegant line of Pocket Knives with individual cases that makes choosing easy. Also Robeson's "Shur-Edge" and "Keen-Kutter" Razors.

Then for the home we have Table Cutlery, Spoons and Carvers in great variety. For the Mechanic we can show a great variety of Tools to suit all classes of work.

### "New Method" GAS RANGES.

### "Foster's Winner" and "Reliable" COAL RANGES.

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**Grubbs & Benton, On the Corner.**

## Citizens National Bank.

Paid up Capital \$100,000.

Surplus \$42,000.

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Will give you courteous treatment and attend promptly and carefully to all business entrusted to us

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A. H. Hampton, Cashier.

T. F. Phillips V. Pres.

J. W. Poynter, Ass't Cashier.



**CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS** are usually generous. If you are thinking of some one in poor circumstances let us suggest that you order us to deliver at that one's door a ton of our first class coal. Let others supply the turkey and good things to eat. Show that you are practical in your giving by having us send the coal with which to cook them. Feed your hens purina and get eggs.

The WINN-MARTIN COAL & SUPPLY CO. INCORPORATED.

### A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

It will be to you when you don a suit that has been cleaned at MAYER BROS. It will be like a Xmas gift of a new suit of clothing, and will do the same service the rest of the Winter. It is economy to keep your clothing cleaned and pressed at

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Phone 528. Next to Auditorium.



### SANTA CLAUS' SEAT

in his famous sleigh must need repairing by this time. How about that seat in your carriage, or any other part of the vehicle? We do all kinds of carriage repairing except the poor kind. Bring your carriage here and have us put it in shape for the holidays.

THERE'S TIME YET.

**T. Strother Scott.**

pronounced success.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford Gordon were host and hostess at an elegant res-

past to about 75 of their friends on Thursday night at the Goff residence in the country.